

## Internal Revenue Service, Treasury

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(7) Section 214 (expenses for care of certain dependents).

(8) Section 215 (alimony, etc., payments).

(9) Section 216 (amounts representing taxes and interest paid to cooperative housing corporation).

(10) Section 217 (moving expenses).

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### § 1.263(a)-1 Capital expenditures; In general.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in chapter 1 of the Code, no deduction shall be allowed for:

(1) Any amount paid out for new buildings or for permanent improvements or betterments made to increase the value of any property or estate, or

(2) Any amount expended in restoring property or in making good the exhaustion thereof for which an allowance is or has been made in the form of a deduction for depreciation, amortization, or depletion.

(b) In general, the amounts referred to in paragraph (a) of this section include amounts paid or incurred (1) to add to the value, or substantially prolong the useful life, of property owned by the taxpayer, such as plant or equipment, or (2) to adapt property to a new or different use. Amounts paid or incurred for incidental repairs and maintenance of property are not capital expenditures within the meaning of subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph. See section 162 and § 1.162-4. See section 263A and the regulations thereunder for cost capitalization rules which apply to amounts referred to in paragraph (a) of this section with respect to the production of real and tangible personal property (as defined in § 1.263A-1T (a)(5)(iii)), including films, sound recordings, video tapes, books, or similar properties. An amount referred to in paragraph (a) of this section is a capital expenditure that is taken into account through inclusion in inventory costs or a charge to capital accounts or basis no earlier than the taxable year during which the amount is incurred within the meaning of § 1.446-1(c)(1)(ii). See section 263A and the regulations thereunder for cost

capitalization rules that apply to amounts referred to in paragraph (a) of this section with respect to the production of real and tangible personal property (as defined in § 1.263A-2(a)(2)), including films, sound recordings, video tapes, books, or similar properties.

(c) The provisions of paragraph (a) (1) of this section shall not apply to expenditures deductible under:

(1) Section 616 and §§ 1.616-1 through 1.616-3, relating to the development of mines or deposits,

(2) Section 174 and §§ 1.174-1 through 1.174-4, relating to research and experimentation,

(3) Section 175 and §§ 1.175-1 through 1.175-6, relating to soil and water conservation,

(4) Section 179 and §§ 1.179-1 through 1.179-5, relating to election to expense certain depreciable business assets,

(5) Section 180 and §§ 1.180-1 and 1.180-2, relating to expenditures by farmers for fertilizer, lime, etc., and

(6) Section 182 and §§ 1.182-1 through 1.182-6, relating to expenditures by farmers for clearing land.

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### § 1.263(a)-2 Examples of capital expenditures.

The following paragraphs of this section include examples of capital expenditures:

(a) The cost of acquisition, construction, or erection of buildings, machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures, and similar property having a useful life substantially beyond the taxable year.

(b) Amounts expended for securing a copyright and plates, which remain the property of the person making the payments. See section 263A and the regulations thereunder for capitalization rules which apply to amounts expended in securing and producing a copyright and plates in connection with the production of property, including films, sound recordings, video tapes, books, or similar properties.

(c) The cost of defending or perfecting title to property.

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(d) The amount expended for architect's services.

(e) Commissions paid in purchasing securities. Commissions paid in selling securities are an offset against the selling price, except that in the case of dealers in securities such commissions may be treated as an ordinary and necessary business expense.

(f) Amounts assessed and paid under an agreement between bondholders or shareholders of a corporation to be used in a reorganization of the corporation or voluntary contributions by shareholders to the capital of the corporation for any corporate purpose. Such amounts are capital investments and are not deductible. See section 118 and § 1.118-1.

(g) A holding company which guarantees dividends at a specified rate on the stock of a subsidiary corporation for the purpose of securing new capital for the subsidiary and increasing the value of its stockholdings in the subsidiary shall not deduct amounts paid in carrying out this guaranty in computing its taxable income, but such payments are capital expenditures to be added to the cost of its stock in the subsidiary.

(h) The cost of good will in connection with the acquisition of the assets of a going concern is a capital expenditure.

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### § 1.263(a)-3 Election to deduct or capitalize certain expenditures.

(a) Under certain provisions of the Code, taxpayers may elect to treat capital expenditures as deductible expenses or as deferred expenses, or to treat deductible expenses as capital expenditures.

(b) The sections referred to in paragraph (a) of this section include:

(1) Section 173 (circulation expenditures).

(2) Section 174 (research and experimental expenditures).

(3) Section 175 (soil and water conservation expenditures).

(4) Section 177 (trademark and trade name expenditures).

(5) Section 179 (election to expense certain depreciable business assets).

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(6) Section 180 (expenditures by farmers for fertilizer, lime, etc.).

(7) Section 182 (expenditures by farmers for clearing land).

(8) Section 248 (organizational expenditures of a corporation).

(9) Section 266 (carrying charges).

(10) Section 615 (exploration expenditures).

(11) Section 616 (development expenditures).

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### § 1.263(b)-1 Expenditures for advertising or promotion of good will.

See § 1.162-14 for the rules applicable to a corporation which has elected to capitalize expenditures for advertising or the promotion of good will under the provisions of section 733 or section 451 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939, in computing its excess profits tax credit under Subchapter E, Chapter 2, or Subchapter D, Chapter 1, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939.

### § 1.263(c)-1 Intangible drilling and development costs in the case of oil and gas wells.

For rules relating to the option to deduct as expenses intangible drilling and development costs in the case of oil and gas wells, see § 1.612-4.

### § 1.263(e)-1 Expenditures in connection with certain railroad rolling stock.

(a) *Allowance of deduction*—(1) *Election*. Under section 263(e), for any taxable year beginning after December 31, 1969, a taxpayer may elect to treat certain expenditures paid or incurred during such taxable year as deductible repairs under section 162 or 212. This election applies only to expenditures described in paragraph (c) of this section in connection with the rehabilitation of a unit of railroad rolling stock (as defined in paragraph (b)(2) of this section) used by a domestic common carrier by railroad (as defined in paragraph (b) (3) and (4) of this section). However, an election under section 263(e) may not be made with respect to expenditures in connection with any unit of railroad rolling stock for which an election under section 263(f) and the